



**CITY OF BURIEN, WASHINGTON**  
**Final Environmental Impact Statement Addendum**  
**(WAC 197-11-600)**  
**Shoreline Master Program Update**  
**Date: April 9, 2010**

## **1.0 BACKGROUND**

The City of Burien proposes to adopt a Shoreline Master Program (SMP) update consisting of new shoreline goals and policies, regulations and a restoration plan. The SMP update consists of policy and regulatory amendments to be adopted by the Burien City Council with final approval by the Washington State Department of Ecology. The approved SMP will be Title 20 of the City's Municipal Code, and will be part of the City's Comprehensive Plan by reference.

The version of the draft SMP used for this addendum is the Planning Commission-recommended draft dated March 30, 2010. The document and related background information is available online on our "Draft Shoreline Master Program Documents" page at <http://www.burienwa.gov/index.aspx?NID=851>, and at the Burien Library and City Hall, 400 SW 152<sup>nd</sup> Street.

This Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Addendum is intended to fulfill the environmental requirements pursuant to the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA).

## **2.0 EIS ADDENDUM**

According to the SEPA Rules, an EIS addendum provides additional analysis and/or information about a proposal or alternatives where their significant environmental impacts have been disclosed and identified in a previous environmental document [WAC 197-11-600(2)]. An addendum is appropriate when the impacts of the new proposal are the same general types as those identified in the prior document, and when the new analysis does not substantially change the analysis of significant impacts and alternatives in the prior environmental document (WAC 197-11-600(4)(c), -625 and -706).

In 1997, the City prepared and adopted "*The Burien Plan*"—an integrated GMA/SEPA document under WAC 197-11-210. The City of Burien Comprehensive Plan Draft and Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) analyzing the range of impacts under *The Burien Plan* was issued in October 1997. Elements of the environment addressed in this EIS include population and employment growth, earth resources, air quality, water resources, plants and animals, energy, environmental health (noise, hazardous materials), land use, socioeconomics, aesthetics, parks/recreation, transportation, and public services/utilities. This document has been the basis for over a dozen subsequent GMA and SEPA actions related to the Comprehensive Plan listed below. Taken together, these documents plus the 1997 Comprehensive Plan EIS form the current environmental impact analysis of the Comprehensive Plan.

- Final EIS Addendum on Burien Plan Amendments (November 20, 1997);
- Environmental Checklist/DNS on the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Amendment for the Manhattan Woodside Park Annexation (September 4, 1998);
- Environmental Checklist/DNS on the Comprehensive Plan Amendments related to the SeaTac Airport Expansion. Amendments are in response to a challenge filed with the Growth Hearings Board by the Port of Seattle (April 8, 1998) (refer to discussion in Section 5.3);
- Environmental Checklist/DNS on the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Code Amendments related to the Minimum Lot Size and Width Required for Development or Redevelopment of Existing Legally Platted Lots in Residential (R) Zones (October 20, 1998);
- Environmental Checklist/DS on an Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan by adding the State Adopted LOS for SR 509 and 518 (LOS D) (October 23, 2000);
- Final EIS Addendum on Burien Plan Amendments (January 7, 1999);
- Northeast Special Planning Area (SPA-4) Draft and Final Supplemental EIS (November 2002);
- City of Burien Comprehensive Plan Update Final EIS Addendum (November 13, 2003).
- City of Burien Comprehensive Plan Update Final EIS Addendum (December 1, 2005).
- City of Burien Comprehensive Plan Update Final EIS Addendum (September 15, 2006).
- City of Burien Comprehensive Plan Update Final EIS Addendum (September 15, 2007).
- City of Burien Comprehensive Plan Update Final EIS Addendum (November 21, 2008).
- City of Burien Comprehensive Plan Update Final EIS Addendum (October 12, 2009).
- Northeast Redevelopment Area (NERA) Draft and Final Supplemental EIS (October/November 2009)

This addendum to the 1997 Burien Plan EIS is being issued pursuant to WAC 197-11-625 to meet the City's SEPA responsibilities. The EIS evaluated plan alternatives and impacts that encompass the same general policy direction, land use pattern, and environmental impacts that are expected to be associated with the proposed Shoreline Master Program update discussed herein. While the specific location, precise magnitude, or timing of some impacts may vary from those estimated in the 1997 Burien Plan EIS, they are still within the range of what was evaluated and disclosed there. No new significant impacts have been identified.

### **3.0 NON-PROJECT ACTION**

Decisions on the adoption or amendment of the Shoreline Master Program are referred to in the SEPA rules as "non-project actions" [WAC 197-11-704(2)(b)]. The purpose of an EIS in analyzing a non-project action is to help the public and decision-makers identify and evaluate the environmental effects of alternative policies, implementation approaches, and similar choices related to future growth. While plans and regulations do not directly result in alteration of the physical environment, they do provide a framework within which future growth and development – and resulting environmental impacts – will occur. Both the adoption of the Comprehensive Plan evaluated in the 1997 Burien Plan EIS and eventual action on the Shoreline Master Program update are "non-project actions".

## **4.0 ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS**

The 1997 Burien Plan EIS evaluated the environmental impacts associated with adoption of then-proposed policies and land use designations. The plan's policies are intended to accomplish responsibilities mandated by the Washington State Growth Management Act (GMA), and to mitigate the impacts of future growth. In general, environmental impacts associated with the proposed Shoreline Master Program are similar in magnitude to the potential impacts disclosed in the 1997 Burien Plan EIS. As this proposal is consistent with the policies and designations of the Comprehensive Plan and the environmental impacts disclosed in the 1997 Burien Plan EIS, no additional or new significant impacts beyond those identified in the EIS for the Comprehensive Plan are anticipated.

## **5.0 DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED SHORELINE MASTER PROGRAM**

The Shoreline Master Program consists of the following components:

### **Chapter I: User Guide**

This chapter provides an overview of the Shoreline Management Act, shoreline jurisdiction and the SMP.

### **Chapter II: General Goals and Policies**

This chapter contains policies similar to a Comprehensive Plan.

### **Chapter III: Shoreline Environment Designations**

This chapter describes the location and criteria for designating various shoreline environments—used for policy and regulatory purposes. The three designations applicable to Burien are: aquatic, urban conservancy and shoreline residential.

### **Chapter IV: Shoreline Uses and Modifications Policies and Regulations**

This chapter contains detailed policies and regulations applying to use and modification within the City's shoreline jurisdiction. This chapter is similar to regulations found in a zoning code.

### **Chapter V: Administration and Shoreline Permit Procedures**

This chapter contains rules for the administration of the SMP and standards for issuance of shoreline permits and exemptions.

### **Chapter VI: Definitions**

This chapter contains definitions needed to implement and understand the SMP.

**Restoration Plan (Appendix 3 of the SMP):** A required component of a Shoreline Master Program is a Restoration Plan to assure that no net loss of shoreline ecological functions is met through a combination of regulations and restoration projects. The plan consists of baseline shoreline conditions, a list of restoration goals and objectives, a list of existing or potential city programs and projects that positively impact the shoreline environment and a ranking analysis of designated projects on both ecological benefit and overall feasibility.

**Other Appendices:** In addition, the SMP contains a Shoreline Inventory (Appendix 1), Shoreline Analysis and Characterization (Appendix 2), and Cumulative Impacts Analysis (Appendix 4).

## **6.0 CONCLUSION**

This EIS Addendum fulfills the environmental review requirements for the proposed Shoreline Master Program update. The impacts of the proposal are within the range of impacts disclosed and evaluated in the 1997 Burien Plan EIS; no new probable significant adverse environmental impacts have been identified. Therefore, issuance of this EIS Addendum is the appropriate course of action.

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